

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 76

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Loftis Middle School cheerleaders on winning the Grand National Champions.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Loftis Middle School cheerleading program is renowned as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and is a squad of competitive stature in the world of secondary sports; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2007, competing at the Chattanooga Athletic Championships, the Loftis Middle School (LMS) cheerleading squad won its division as National Champs and in the school division won Grand Champs; and

WHEREAS, having just increased the difficulty in their routine a few weeks prior, the members of the LMS squad prevailed over fourteen high school teams, seven middle school teams, and three elementary recreation teams; and

WHEREAS, though the LMS cheerleading squad won National Champions in the 1997-98 school year, no team from their area has ever won the Grand National Champions; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of coach Ashli Skiles, the hard-working thirty-member squad has solidly come together as a true team; and

WHEREAS, remembering to give back to their supporters, the LMS cheerleading squad will host a fund-raising dinner to reimburse the school for sending them to the Universal Cheerleaders Association Nationals; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders at Loftis Middle School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character in every facet of their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Loftis Middle School cheerleaders for winning the Grand National Championships and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Loftis Middle School cheerleaders on their individual and collective resolve, on their extraordinary victorious performance at the Chattanooga Athletic Championships, and on winning the Grand National Champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.